

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: Jeffrey L. TRUDEAU et al.)	This Response was electronically filed
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FOR CLAMPING SURGICAL)	
WIRES OR CABLES)	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time in the above-identified application to make this reply timely.

This is a response to the outstanding office action mailed February 29, 2008.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.